Fencing at Indo-Bangladesh Border

†3642. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh is opposing the proposal of fencing along the border;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of efforts made to bring around Bangladesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has sanctioned construction of 3286 Km. of fence along Indo-Bangladesh Border. Out of this 1928 Kms. has been completed till 31st March, 2005.

(c) to (e) No Sir. The Bangladesh is objecting only to the construction of fence within 150 yards from the international border on the plea that the Joint India Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities-1975 prohibit the construction of defensive structure within 150 yards of international border. This matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh through diplomatic channels as well as various levels.

Duping of persons by luring them to send abroad

†3643. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the incidents relating to duping of persons by luring to send them aborad have increased on a large scale in the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan to take action against the persons duping the people in such a manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (b) As per information provided by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, there have been incidents of duping of persons (by unscrupulous agents) to send people abroad for employment. The number of such complaints received by that Ministry and filed with the State Police Authorities during last three years is as below:

Year 2002=49 complaints

Year 2003=25 complaints

Year 2004=39 complaints

Against the above complaints, permission for prosecution has been granted in 40, 11 and 9 cases respectively.

The information available with the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs does not indicate any increase of such cases during the past few years.

(c) and (d) The Emigration Act, 1983 makes it mandatory for registration of all those who wish to conduct the business of recruitment for overseas employment for categories of work specified in Section 2(o). Strict action is taken against recruiting agent involved in sending persons abroad illegally. If any registered agent commits any irregularity, action is taken to suspend/ cancel his registration certificate as per procedure prescribed under the Act. If the agents are not registered, complaints are filed with the concerned State Police authorities for investigation and prosecuting these agencies under the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983. All the States/UTs have also been requested to issue instructions to the Police authorities and Deputy Commissioners/District Magistrates to sensitize them about the need to curb the illegal activities of unscrupulous agents.

Boycott of peace talks by naxal groups

†3644. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the boycott of the peace talks by the naxalites, several other terrorists also declared to intensify the terrorist acitivities in the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been continuous expansion in the terrorist organizations; and

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